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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method of [analysing] analyzing data link messages, comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving a plurality of data link messages;
- b) assigning each data link message to one of a plurality of message groups such that each group contains data link messages of a specific message type;
- c) within a group,
  - (i) tabulating the messages so as to align corresponding fields; and
  - (ii) displaying the tabulated data[.], and
- (d) displaying a list of field contents for each field type, the list being filtered to remove repeated incidence of the same content.

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